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- REJECTIONISTS ON DEFENSIVE

SUMMARY. AGAINST BACKDROP OF ATHERTON RETURN TO RESUME PEACE EFFORTS, TWO PRINCIPAL EDITORIALS APRIL 21 PORTRAY ISRAEL AND REJECTIONISTS ON DEFENSIVE DUE TO "RADICAL CHANGES" BROUGHT ABOUT BY SADAT INITIATIVE. AHRAM NOTES ISRAEL IS BELEAGUERED, B'NAI B'RITH HAD TO ADVERTISE IN NEW YORK TIMES TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL. AKHBAR REPORTS FAMILIAR THEME THAT WHOLE WORLD WITH SADAT INITIATIVE AND THAT "RETROGRADE STAND" OF REJECTIONISTS WILL NOT CHANGE COURSE OF EGYPT WHICH ALONE BROUGHT ABOUT RADICAL CHANGE IN WEST. END SUMMARY.

1. PXRAOL. AHRAM EDITOR ALI HAMDI AL GAMAL'S FRIDAY EDITORIAL ("SITUATION TURNED UPSIDE DOWN") CITES B'NAI

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B'RITH'S AD IN NEW YORK TIMES AS EVIDENCE OF CHANGE IN AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION (WHICH NOW "PRO-"EGYPT") SINCE THIS IS WHAT ARABS HAD TO DO IN PAST. GAMAL ATTACKED AD'S CLAIM THAT 242 DOES NOT DEMALD THAT ISRAELI PULLOUT, SAYING OCCUPATION OF LANDS BY FORCE INADMISSABLE AND THAT U.S. DOES NOT AGREE WITH ISRAELIS. GAMAL STATES "EGYPT AND ALL ARABS" DO NOT OBJECT TO

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SLIGHT BORDER RECTIFICATION ON WEST BANK "IN LINE
WITH THE INTERESTS OF THE PALESTINIAN STATE AND ISRAEL."
EGYPT "DOES NOT DIFFER WITH ISRAEL" ON NEED TO INSURE
SECURITY BUT DIFFERS ON MEANS TO ACHIEVE IT: I.E. NOT
BY EXPANSION BUT END OF OCCUPATION AND RETURN OF
PALESTINIAN RIGHTS.

2. REJECTIONISTS. AKHBAR BOARD CHAIRMAN MOUSSA SABRI
AYEERHU "WHOLE WORLD IS WITH US" AND DOES NOT WANT TO
SEE PEACE OPPORTUNITY SLIP AWAY. REJECTIONISTS MUST
LIVE UP TO RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD OTHER ARABS. IN ANY
CASE, THEIR "RETROGRADE STANDS" WILL NOT AFFECT MARCH
OF EGYPT WHICH, ALONE, HAS BROUGHT ABOUT RADICAL CHANGE"
IN WESTERN WORLD. WHETHER ARAB SUMMIT HELD OR NOT,
SADAT INITIATIVE WILL PROCEED; ATTEMPTS TO KILL IT
"HAVE COME TO NAUGHT". EILTS

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